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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Re: MB Docket No. 02-277; MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317, 00-244

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please place this letter from the Jeff Blumenthal on the official record for the proceeding of MB Docket 02-277.

Thank you,


Jennifer Phurrough

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To Michael Powell and the FCC:

My name is Jeff Blumenthal. I'm 25 years old and trying to enter the media industry as a journalist. Surveying the media today, it is clear to me that since 1996, deregulation has already limited the diversity and depth of voices in everything from top 40 radio-which is now top 10 -- to the nightly television news. Nowhere is the monotony and homogeneity of the media better seen than in the fact that media deregulation is the most underreported story of the year in the commercial news-and things are sure to get worse if the remaining FCC regulations are dropped. The FCC chairman has stated that he's more interested in hearing ideas to promote media diversity than in hearing non-empirical evidence in favor of regulation, so here is one idea: Government subsidies or incentives to bring the internet into every home in America. If the rise of new media is supposed to balance out corporate monopoly over traditional media, it has not yet. The federal government should do at least as much to promote equal access to the internet as it does to promote corporate media interests. The Internet is still young, and non-corporate media are still too vulnerable to be set adrift in an unregulated market. As a young American, I would like to see my government taking actions that promote a future where more people will have more opportunities to express and be exposed to more points of view. By allowing greater media consolidation, the FCC would only be limiting the next generation of Americans.

Sincerely,
Jeff Blumenthal